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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 10, 2005, as
3 "Apprenticeship Day 2005" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the apprenticeship method of on-the-job training
6 and related classroom instruction is found worldwide and has
7 consistently been proven to be an effective, efficient, and
8 economical way to pass on trade and craft skills and knowledge
9 needed by the builders of a nation's economy, and

10 WHEREAS, since being incorporated into state law 57 years
11 ago, Florida's apprenticeship program has taught tens of
12 thousands of students critical, industry-identified skills and
13 knowledge necessary for apprentices to take their place as
14 sought-after, skilled craftpersons, creating a diversification
15 that helps keep the state's economy growing by being built upon
16 enduring strengths, and

17 WHEREAS, it has been repeatedly demonstrated that
18 apprenticeship completers consistently earn higher salaries than
19 students earning college degrees through the baccalaureate
20 level, that apprentices are likely to remain in the high-skill,
21 high-wage fields in which they received their training, and that
22 they have extremely low rates of public assistance, and

23 WHEREAS, Florida's current registered apprenticeship
24 program has 293 active apprenticeship programs throughout the
25 state training 113,253 apprentices, with 163 programs in
26 construction alone training 10,242 apprentices; Florida
27 consistently ranks in the top 10 percent nationally in the
28 number of apprentices served; and Florida's registered

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29 apprenticeship system welcomes all apprentices 16 years of age
30 or older without regard to gender or ethnicity, and

31 WHEREAS, Florida's registered apprenticeship system
32 guarantees the availability of a quality workforce trained to
33 the exacting standards of the state's trades, while at the same
34 time improving the training standards of business and industry,
35 and it is on these strengths of a diversified workforce that
36 Florida's economy will flourish and maintain its competitive
37 edge nationally and internationally, and

38 WHEREAS, it is commonly known that the effectiveness and
39 uniqueness of Florida's registered apprenticeship program is in
40 part due to the unique cooperation and strong partnerships
41 forged among the business and industry sectors, the educational
42 community, apprenticeship program sponsors, and dedicated
43 students who are highly motivated to learn, and

44 WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship programs are an
45 essential part of our education system and such programs are a
46 critical component in the development and delivery of high-
47 caliber, skilled craftspeople needed to continue the growth that
48 has been Florida's hallmark, NOW, THEREFORE,

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50 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
51 Florida:

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53 That March 10, 2005, is designated as "Apprenticeship Day
54 2005" in Florida.